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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Exemption to Musical Associations from payment of entertainments tax.

17 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation requesting the grant of permanent exemption from the payment of entertainments tax to Musical Associations; and

(b) if so, the names of the associations that were exempted in the State during the years 1952 and 1953?

A.—(a) No representation for the grant of permanent exemption to the Music Associations from payment of entertainments tax has been received by the Government. But the Government have continued for another year from 1st November 1953 the total exemption now enjoyed by approved registered Sabhas and similar associations in respect of music and dance performances and variety entertainments conducted by them.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of leather goods for Police department.

18 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on the purchase of leather goods for the Police such as belts, boots, etc., in this State during the year 1953–54?

A.—The expenditure incurred is approximately Rs. 2,33,030.

Government Soap Factory, Kozhikode.

19 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of workers and staff employed in the Government Soap Factory, Kozhikode, at present;

(b) whether there has been any change in the strength, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total expenditure and the total value of the products manufactured therein at the ex-factory or godown rate and what was the profit or loss during 1952–53?

A.—(a) The total number of workers and staff employed at present in the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, is 105 as shown below:—

Regular workers	56
Temporary casual workers	13
Staff (including Oil Technologist)	30
Watchman and menials	6
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(b) There has been no change in the strength in the regular establishment during the last four years except that two blind workers trained at the Dehra Dun Institute were entertained in January 1954.

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(c) Expenditure in 1952–53		..	..	5,16,137
Value of products manufactured in 1952–53	..	..	..	5,86,438
Net profit for 1952–53		..	..	53,183

Local Finance Enquiry Committee.

20 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given effect to the recommendations of the Local Finance Enquiry Committee constituted in 1949;

(b) the recommendations that are under the consideration of the Government for being given effect to immediately; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the recommendations of the above-said Committee?

A.—(a) Certain recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and necessary action has been taken to implement them, while the consideration of certain other recommendations has been postponed to a later date though they have been accepted in principle. Some of the recommendations were already under the consideration of the Government and the decision of the Government of India is awaited on certain other recommendations. Some of the recommendations have been considered in the past and dropped. In view of the present policy of the Government and in view of the existing provisions in the Acts and Rules now in force in this State, it is not proposed either to alter the existing provisions or to take any further action in the matter with regard to the other recommendations.

(b) All the recommendations have already been considered.

(c) A summary of the recommendations of the Committee is given on pages 487–502 of its report. The report is a priced publication of the Government of India costing Rs. 4–2–0. A copy of the report is placed in the Library of the Madras Legislature for reference by Members.

Districts without blood banks.

21 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of districts in which there is no blood bank at present?

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A.—The names of the districts in which there is no blood bank at present are—
(i) South Arcot,
(ii) Ramanathapuram,
(iii) Chingleput, and
(iv) Salem.

Sinking of tube-wells in South Arcot.

22 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of tube-wells sunk in South Arcot district by the Agricultural department so far?

A.—It is presumed that the hon. Member wants information about small tube-wells with filter points sunk by the Agricultural department. Seventy-six of these wells have been sunk in the district so far (up to 20th February 1954).

Buses and heavy vehicles owned by fleet owners in North Arcot.

23 *Q.*—Sri D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fleet owners there are in the North Arcot district; and

(*b*) the number of buses and heavy vehicles owned by each of them?

A.—(*a*) There are 14 fleet owners of buses and 3 fleet owners of lorries in the North Arcot district.

(*b*) A statement [a] showing the number of vehicles owned by each of them is annexed.

Problem of unemployment among Harijans.

24 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are taking any steps to provide employment to the unemployed Harijans to maintain themselves; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of providing employment for the educated Harijan and Backward community students is under investigation. It will take some time before a decision is arrived at.

Re-employment of retired officers.

25 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted officers whose terms were extended beyond the dates of their retirement or who were reappointed after retirement since the 5th December 1952:

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 1019 infra.

(*b*) the reasons for doing so;

(*c*) whether the officers referred to in the answer to question No. 292 answered by the Hon. Finance Minister on the 5th December 1952 are all still in service;

(*d*) how many of them have retired; and

(*e*) the number of them whose terms were extended?

A.—(*a*) No extension of service was given to any officer since the 5th December 1952. Sixty officers were re-employed after their retirement since the 5th December 1952.

(*b*) Re-employment was sanctioned mainly due to paucity of suitable qualified personnel.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) Out of ninety-three officers contained in the list, the services of eighty-three officers have been terminated and only ten officers are still continued in re-employment.

Producer-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

26 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the net profit earned or loss sustained by the Producer-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar since their inception year-war;

(*b*) the number of Producer-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar, whose wholesale licences have been withdrawn by the Government; and

(*c*) the number of Producer-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar which have stopped their retail distribution work in foodgrains and are on the verge of liquidation or are under liquidation?

A.—(*a*) The particulars are furnished below :—

Year.	*Total number of societies.*	*Societies worked on profit.*			*Societies worked on loss.*			*Remarks.*
		Number.	*Total profits earned.*		*Number.*	*Loss incurred.*		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)		(7)
			RS.	A.		RS.	A.	
1946-47	106	106	37,81,349	10	Nil.	Nil.		..
1947–48	107	98	22,14,640	8	7	1,73,794	9	Two societies worked on nil profit.
1948–49	107	80	15,26,890	4	27	4,76,342	15	..
1949–50	107	94	22,28,897	9	13	1,35,788	3	..
1950-51	107	94	27,90,341	7	13	1,24,888	4	..
1951–52	107	36	5,96,5[illegible]6	14	71	18,88,546	4	..
1952–53 *	107	20	2,30,812	8	62	12,71,089	9	One society worked on nil profit.

* (The audit certificates for the year 1952–53 in respect of the remaining societies have not been received. The Special Deputy Registrar has stated that the figures furnished for the year 1952–53 cannot also be taken as final as the loss or profit of each society has to be changed after getting confirmation of outstandings.)